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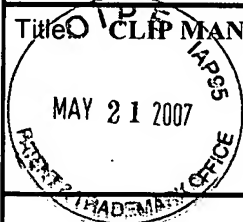
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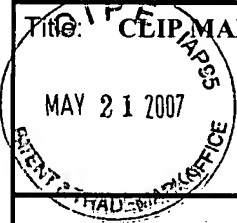
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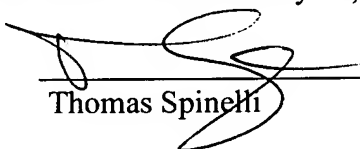
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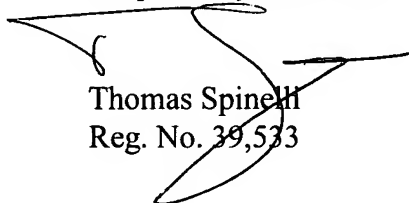
  
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The reference was cited in an Official Action dated March 20, 2007 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), the Official Action, and an English translation of the Official Action. Please note the other reference cited in the Official Action, namely, Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 4-26091, dated June 23, 1992, was previously submitted in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated March 18, 2004. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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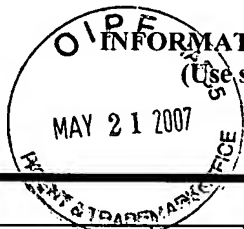
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